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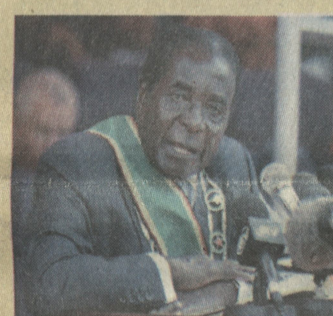
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NCUR presenters work to save the world



Kathy Pusey photo

From left to right, NCUR conference host Ronald Dotterer and plenary speakers Thomas Horton and Dr. Tyrone Hayes

By Michel Elben
Staff Writer

"If you're going to save the world, make sure you have fun and save yourself first," said Thomas Horton, an environmental writer and one of the plenary speakers during the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR), which took place from Thursday, April 10 until Saturday, April 12, at SU.

Horton, the second of the four scheduled keynote speakers, spoke to an almost packed auditorium in Holloway Hall on Thursday afternoon. Other speakers included

Tyrone Hayes, Professor of Integrative Biology at the University of California, Berkeley; Rudy Bednar, producer and director of original documentaries; and Ann Foerst, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at St. Bonaventure University, NY.

An Eastern Shore native, Horton demonstrated his knowledge of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the effects of human interaction on its surroundings.

"There is nothing like that juxtaposition of land and water anywhere else on the continent," Horton said.

Horton said that one-fifth of the watermen employed on the Bay are

primarily oyster fishermen. This is one genus that faces incredible risks. "The Chesapeake Bay is so shallow that we can't afford to continue to pollute it," Horton said.

Horton used Smith Island as an example of the genera that affect each other and the island itself. Horton said that each genus, such as crabs, and boat building, play an intricate part in Smith Island's culture as well as its livelihood.

"We need to become more connected to our environments in order to truly heal them," Horton said.

In between sessions, tours of campus and various receptions, students busily presented their research to sometimes crammed and sometimes less than crowded classrooms.

Each student had their own unique take on how their research might save the world.

Undergraduates presented their research on a variety of topics, ranging from a dance presentation on the mind-body connection to an oral presentation on the economic aspects of ethanol. This year's NCUR included more than 50 disciplines.

A large portion of the research throughout the diverse disciplines and universities seemed to echo the "Go Green" campaign within the media and reflect the concerns of the current undergraduate population throughout the nation.

Plenary speaker Rudy Bednar exhibited his future projects for ABC and his vision for documentaries. "The #1 rule is to surprise your audience," he said.

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Chief Ed Lashley to resign

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

University Police Chief Edwin Lashley has tendered his resignation from SU and has accepted a position under the State Comptroller.

"Retiring from the state police was a no-brainer," Lashley said. "This is the toughest decision I've ever had to make. I've felt like I'm a part of the university family here and it will be hard to go."

Lashley came to SU three years ago after retiring a lieutenant colonel and chief of field operations for the Maryland State Police. He is a 28-year state police veteran and Salisbury native.

"I think I've made a difference and have accomplished everything I wanted to do in the past three years," Lashley said.

Lashley has accepted the position of the head of the field enforcement division under state Comptroller Peter Franchot. He will lead the Comptroller's efforts to enforce the state's revenue laws relating to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, motor fuels, business



Telecia Taylor photo
SU Police Chief Edwin Lashley

licenses, and the sales and use tax.

According to the comptroller's Web site, the field division consists of a team of sworn police personnel and civilian field inspectors who combat the sale of untaxed cigarettes and alcohol through investigations of retail businesses and the monitoring of the transportation and storage of motor fuel to verify that retail locations are complying with regulations, governing pricing labeling and registration.

"It's a lot like Elliot Ness," Lashley said. "I feel that my career here and with the state police has given me the skills to fill this position."

Lashley leaves behind a short, but lasting legacy. He is proud of his accomplishments at SU, which include an improved emergency response system and a new, bigger location for the department on the East Campus.

Lashley is most proud of the growth and maturity of his student officers who have become a great asset to his department in improving the relationship between the campus community and local law enforcement.

"I'm very proud of the relationship I have built with the SGA and the rest of the campus community," Lashley said. "We've worked together on university and community issues. I'm proud that this year we're having another outdoor concert that should go off without a glitch and am hoping we have a safe and fun concert."

Chief Lashley will leave SU on May 2 and Lieutenant Mike Nicolas will be interim chief until a replacement can be found.

Counseling Services conducts first alcohol screening

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer

How often do you have a drink containing alcohol? The Salisbury University Counseling Center hosted National Alcohol Screening Day in The Commons last week to offer testing, scores and practical suggestions pertaining to drinking.

"Alcohol is a problem on campus and for any college population," said Graduate Intern Jason Yoder.

All students were invited to complete a short multiple-choice screening test to identify drinking habits that could become problematic. The Counseling Services staff weighed the scores from the questionnaire and met one on one with participants to review their results. The Counseling Center encourages students that need help managing their drinking to take advantage of

their services.

Salisbury University has joined the ranks of nearly 12,000 facilities that offer alcohol screenings.

Yoder said that the screening day was not targeted toward any specific groups on campus, but designed to benefit anyone that was interested in taking the survey.

Have you ever felt guilt or remorse after drinking? According to the Director of Student Counseling Services Dr. Kathleen Scott, school and health can suffer from irresponsible drinking. Scott said safety becomes an issue with alcohol because of an increase in things like drunk driving and sexual behaviors.

Screening for Mental Health, Inc., the founder of National Alcohol Screening Day, reports that 600,000 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally

injured under the influence of alcohol. Scott said counseling is used to identify a pattern of significant drinking which can become problematic. Students who choose to utilize the counseling center receive confidential advice and support.

All students that participated in the event were entered into a raffle for a gift certificate to the campus bookstore. 118 students participated in the screening.

Anyone who was unable to attend National Alcohol Screening Day can visit www.salisbury.edu/counseling/ and take the mental health self assessment. This online test form offers similar advice to that offered at Wednesday's event. The Counseling Center has previously sponsored depression and eating disorder awareness days on campus and is constantly trying to lend a helping hand to students.



Telecia Taylor photo

Counselor Dawn Harner explains the alcohol screening survey to students outside of the Commons last week.

Salisbury hosts beach party for NCUR presenters

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor



Sarah Wright photo

NCUR participants soak up the sun at Friday's beach party.

The gentle, Caribbean sound of a steel drum band created the perfect atmosphere to begin the beach party Salisbury University set up for the 22nd anniversary of NCUR.

The event kicked off on Friday at 5:30 p.m. as buses shuttled in visitors from hotels all around Salisbury, Fruitland and Ocean City.

"It's fun," said Sudhir Dahal, a junior from Nepal studying chemistry at Towson University. Dahal had a kiosk presentation on Raman Spectroscopy on Saturday.

The party had plenty of things to do in order to keep the young researchers busy. There was a catered meal, Segway rides, caricatures and music, both from the steel drum band and blues group Muskrat Sally. Along with the activities,

there was a sand sculpture of the 22nd NCUR logo and several tons of sand trucked in to fill the sidewalk between Henson Science Hall and the parking lot, complete with inflatable palm trees and beach chairs.

Nearly 2,400 students from 400 institutions all around the country were in attendance at NCUR.

Nicole Jorissen of Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota, flew almost 1,200 miles to present on biochemistry.

"It is a lot like Mankato here," Jorissen said of Salisbury. "I'm having a pretty good time."

Visitors to the area got lucky with great weather, a change from the cold rain that came earlier last week. Even the thunderstorms originally forecasted for Friday afternoon held off until mid-day Saturday.

"It is just perfect," Vice President of

Student Affairs Ellen Neufeldt said of the weather.

All in all, the event went off well. Only a few minor problems occurred behind the scenes, according to Heather Holmes, who was in charge of volunteers.

This was only one of many events going on outside of the actual presentations.

On Thursday, Career Services hosted a Graduate School fair in Maggs Gym to allow the visiting students to get information on life after undergraduate school.

NCUR also helped to heighten Salisbury's economy. Creston Long, NCUR program chair, estimated that the incoming crowd would bring nearly \$1.5 million to the economy, with a third to half of the money staying in Salisbury, according to a *Daily Times* article.

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News briefs

SU students thank Dr. Basehart

A final farewell to a man who taught with his heart

'Fugitive Slaves' is Washburn Lecture Series Topic April 15

The Wilcomb Washburn Distinguished Lecture series returns to Salisbury University 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, with Dr. Richard J.M. Blackett, abolitionist historian and Andrew Jackson, Professor of History at Vanderbilt University.

Blackett speaks on "Taking Leave: Fugitive Slaves and the Politics of Slavery: 1850-1860" in the Wilcomb Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

He has authored several books on the abolitionist movement in the United States, including *Divided Hearts: Britain and the American Civil War* (2001), *Thomas Morris Chester: Black Civil War Correspondent* (1989), *Beating Against the Barriers: Biographical Essays in Nineteenth-Century Afro-American History* (1986) and *Building an Anti-Slavery Wall: Black Americans in the Atlantic Abolitionist Movement 1830-1860* (1983).

SU Dance Company Presents Spring Concert April 23-26

The Salisbury University Dance Company, directed by Dr. Victoria Hutchinson, hosts its annual Spring Concert 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, April 23-26, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The program of this popular dance production features seven new and reconstructed works by guest, faculty and student choreographers and a classical ball performed by The Danceter Salisbury Ensemble. The Spring Concert benefits Relay For Life and the mission of the American Cancer Society to eliminate cancer as a major health issue and provide services in the community.

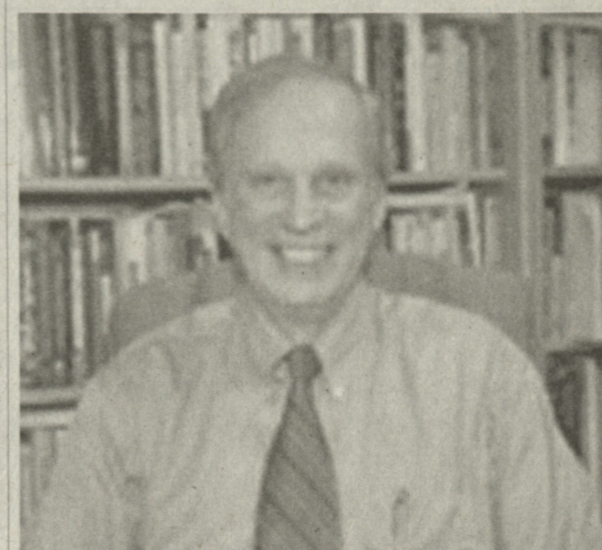
Warren Art on Display for First Time in 73 Years

Frank Algonern Warren's dynamic and provocative paintings will be exhibited publicly for the first time in 73 years. Warren (1865-1935) last exhibited his work at the National Academy of Design in New York City just before his death in 1935. After a train accident took his life, his family preserved his work in the family home. His heirs recently opened the collection and will exhibit his works at the Attium Gallery of Salisbury University's Guerrieri University Center from April 19-May 28. A reception is 5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 19.

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The documentaries illustrated an assortment of principles and ethics. This included the longer film Bednar presented which exhibited revealing factors in the Tibet/China conflict. "Things are never black and white. They're always going to be grey," Bednar said.

Bednar felt that the best way to encourage change was to address the undergraduates and encourage



SU Web site photo

Dr. Harry Basehart will retire after 37 years at SU.

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

Dr. Harry Basehart, Professor of political science and co-director of the Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE), is retiring after teaching

On-campus job fair offers students chance to make cash

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

SU will be hosting its first annual On-Campus Job Fair this week on April 15, 16 and 17 as a means of boosting student employment and filling vacant on-campus job positions.

Salisbury University currently holds over 700 positions, offering a wide variety of opportunities for students to make a little cash on the side.

"The issue is always getting students to show up," Emery said.

The fair offers a variety of duties ranging from library work to lifeguarding. Different levels of employment will be offered thanks to the various jobs that are available, allowing students to pick and choose as they please.

"It could be a little job five hours a week, or a larger one for twenty hours a week," Emery said. "It really is all up to what the student wants."

However, Emery said that students can't expect to get a job simply because they show up. It's still very important to show a professional and responsible attitude whenever interviewing for a desired position.

them to submit videos on the issues that worry them. Bednar hoped that the responses would create a documentary that addresses the concerns of the future generation as well as the current stakeholders.

Throughout NCUR, the undergraduate scholars displayed varieties of opinions within their research and expressed a universal sentiment of environmental awareness, both personally and globally. "People have depth and everyone has a story," Bednar said.

Hamer wins prestigious award

1st SU student to be named a junior fellow



Andrew Baker photo
SU senior Susan Hamer

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

Imagine it is the day of your last final exam, you have been awake for 24 hours, and you just want to go back to bed. But you decide to check your mailbox and discover that you have won one of the most sought-after academic awards in the nation—the academic equivalent to winning the lottery.

Senior Susan Hamer was honored by becoming a junior fellow to the prestigious American Academy of Political and Social Science. Only 100 students a year are selected to be named a junior fellow.

According to the American Academy's Web site, "the Academy's members have included distinguished public servants such as Herbert Hoover and Francis Perkins. Notable individuals such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Harold Lasswell, Margaret Mead and Mahatma Gandhi have served as special editors or contributing authors to *The Annals*."

for 37 years at Salisbury University.

In those years, Dr. Basehart has helped and inspired countless students in and out of the classroom while constantly reminding them that "one vote does make a difference."

"I've never seen a professor so determined that we as students succeed in the real world and the classroom. He spends so much time for students before and after graduation, making sure that they achieve their dreams," said senior Justin Ritter.

"Dr. B has had a huge impact on

SU social work expands to community colleges

By Sarah Janoske
Staff Writer

The Social Work Department at Salisbury University has been expanding over the past few years, but not just on SU's campus. A social work major from Salisbury can now be earned at three satellite locations in Maryland.

Students can use Salisbury's satellite programs at Cecil College in Elkton, Hagerstown Community College or Chesapeake College in Wye Mills to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work.

Dr. Marvin Tossey, the Social Work Department chair, said, "We've been expanding for years. Instead of the students coming where the program is, now the program is coming to where the students are."

The students in the social work program are using new technology in the classroom to access the material and communicate with other students around Maryland.

"If you are taking a social policy course and you're in Hagerstown, what you see is the teacher on a flat screen television in front of the class, and the teacher sees you

the same way. I could have students in front of me on campus for class and at the satellite, or it could just be in one location, but they will all get the same information and they can interact with other students through the television," Dr. Tossey said.

This past semester, the Social Work Department has been trying to work out any technical problems that have occurred using this new technology to teach classes.

"There were technical problems earlier on in terms of having the right equipment or if the system went down for a period of time during class. It's a difficult system to get used to, but the technical problems for faculty have been fixed. I feel most of us find it very challenging and rewarding to utilize technology to teach the curriculum," Dr. Tossey explained.

Some students, on the other hand, have not found the use of the technology in their classes to be as rewarding.

Dr. Tossey said, "Student frustration has been around technical problems and not liking the online expectations that come with their classes, but some do."

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Crime beat

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Trespassing

An employee reported he filed and received a peace order from the District Court against his ex-girlfriend. University Police responded to the scene, but the subject was gone upon officers' arrival. A no-trespass letter was sent to the subject. A peace order was filed and granted to the petitioner. The respondent is ordered to stay away from the petitioner and off the grounds of Salisbury University.

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A subject reported the theft of his cell phone from the Fireside Lounge in the Guerrieri University Center.

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Olympic torch extinguished in Paris protests

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

The last segment of the Olympic torch relay in Paris was cancelled due to pro-Tibet and anti-China protests.

Paris police extinguished the torch at least three times during the relay and the torchbearer finished the ceremony through the city in a bus. The flame, however, kept burning in the lantern that burns overnight and on flights.

"The torch has been extinguished, but the flame is still there," said France's former sports minister, Jean-Francois Lamour.

An NPR article reported that at least two protesters were within an arm's length of the torch before being apprehended by police. Another protestor threw water at the flame in attempts to douse it, but was unsuccessful. These events took place despite substantial security.

London also experienced disruption in the relay on April 6. 37 protesters were arrested, according to a Bloomberg article. Like Paris, many of the protesters tried to extinguish the symbolic torch.

China condemned the Paris and London protests and called them "despicable." The Chinese also contradicted the reports of the flame being extinguished.

"We express our strong condemnation to the deliberate disruption of the Olympic torch relay by Tibetan separatist forces regardless

of the Olympic spirit and the law of Britain and France," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu in a statement posted on the ministry Web site.

The Chinese government has been under constant pressure about their human rights violations and their policies in Tibet from protesters all over the world. Some activists are protesting the fact that China is even hosting the Olympics.

Before the protests began, there were discussions all over the world as to whether or not countries would be attending the games. At this time the decisions were largely based off of the air quality issue in Beijing. Some athletes were debating wearing surgical masks to protect themselves.

Currently, the protests are primarily focused on human rights and Tibet. One of the main protesting groups, Students for a Free Tibet (SFT), said that the Chinese are using the Beijing 2008 Olympics as a way to elevate their profile as a legitimate world power.

"If the Chinese government wants acceptance from the international community, it must immediately stop its baseless attacks on the Dalai Lama and start working toward a meaningful solution to the Tibetan issue," said Connal Hon, a member of SFT, in a press release on April 5.

After its trip through Europe, the torch is to head to America, where there is already controversy in California about the relay.

From April 7 to 9, protesters scaled the Golden Gate Bridge to protest China's human rights violations. On April 7, three activists hung banners with "One World, One Dream" and "Free Tibet '08." There were four other activists among them. Many were supporters of Students for a Free Tibet.

According to CNN, all seven face charges of trespassing, conspiracy and causing a public nuisance.

Recently, there have been talks of skipping the opening ceremonies in Beijing. The majority of the outcries have stemmed from Europe and America. There have been no reports of the major countries boycotting the Olympics entirely.

Presidential candidates John McCain and Hillary Clinton have urged President Bush to skip the opening ceremonies. Candidate Barack Obama was unsure as to whether or not the President should skip. Clinton said that in light of recent events and Chinese failures in Sudan and Tibet, the President should not attend the ceremonies.

"Unless they change some things pretty quickly, I would not go to the opening ceremonies," McCain said on ABC's "The View." He also urged the President to skip the ceremony in order to send a message to the Chinese.

McCain's campaign released a statement that said the U.S. relationship with China is important; however, the Chinese need to understand that how a nation treats its citizens is an international concern.

Despite the pressure, Bush said he plans on attending the ceremonies. He said that the Olympics are a sporting event, not a political event. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, on the other hand, announced that he will not attend the opening ceremonies. The European Parliament encouraged EU leaders to boycott the opening ceremonies unless China began talks with His Holiness the Dalai Lama, who was exiled.

As of right now, China has not made any attempts to speak to His Holiness. Despite China's condemnation of the protests across the world, the demonstrations continue.

The primary purpose of the opening ceremony boycott is to show China that their policies are not tolerated.

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Internet photo

Thousands of Parisians turn out to protest the Olympic torch relay. The torch was extinguished three times during the relay and the torchbearer finished the ceremony through the city on a bus.

Transgendered man is successfully impregnated via artificial insemination



Internet photo

During Beatie's segment, Oprah feels his belly to make sure it's real.

By Sara Sutton
Staff Writer

Thomas Beatie, once Tracy Beatie, a 34-year-old male from Oregon, is pregnant and expecting to deliver a baby girl around July 3.

Thomas grew up believing and feeling like there was something wrong. "I started to grow breasts, and it was kind of a shock to me because I didn't have my mother around," Thomas told Oprah in his first interview. "I was just used to catching footballs and balls, and so it hurt. I just kind of thought, 'What's my body going through? Is it betraying me?'"

A regular beauty pageant contestant, it wasn't until college that Tracy started to discover her true gender identity. She gravitated toward more male-like tendencies and dated her first girlfriend for three-and-a-half years.

"When I woke up in the morning, I felt like a man," Thomas said. "It was difficult for society to respect me the way I felt on the inside if my outside didn't match it."

Tracy met Nancy, his current wife, who at the time was very supportive of Tracy's gender transi-

tion. Tracy took years of testosterone treatments which led to facial hair, a deeper voice and more masculine features. The treatment also enlarged Tracy's clitoris to the size of a small penis. "It looks like a penis," he told Oprah. "I can have intercourse with my wife."

Later, Tracy, who was by then going by Thomas, decided to have his breasts removed and legally become a male. He didn't alter his female organs because one day he wanted to have a child.

Thomas and Nancy were able to marry legally since he was in fact recognized and still is recognized as a male in the state of Oregon.

When the couple wanted to have their first child together, Nancy could not possibly conceive since her uterus was removed due to endometriosis. Thomas decided to stop taking his testosterone injections and start the process of conceiving a child.

They found it hard to find a doctor willing to help. "We got rejected by our first doctor because he said that his staff felt uncomfortable working with someone like me," Thomas said.

After being off testosterone

providing quality care for a patient who's pregnant," she said. "I was never personally worried about my reputation."

Thomas' pregnancy has opened up a world of debate and criticism. Is this taking human rights too far? The family is a little scared of all the publicity and outrage they have been hearing. Even their neighbors don't believe the stories saying, "He just got fatter, that's all."

Oprah called the pregnancy "a new definition of what diversity means for everybody."

But Thomas says, "Love makes a family, and that's all that matters."

"Love makes a family, and that's all that matters," Beatie said.

The couple then made the choice to save money and time by artificially inseminating Thomas using a surgical syringe. The donated sperm took and Thomas is now pregnant with his first child.

The media and strong advocates against this procedure have claimed Thomas "less of a man" for having a child.

Thomas, in response, said, "I have a very stable male gender identity. I see pregnancy as a process, and it doesn't define who I am. It's not a male or female desire to want to have a child...it's a human desire. I'm a person, and I have the right to have my own biological child."

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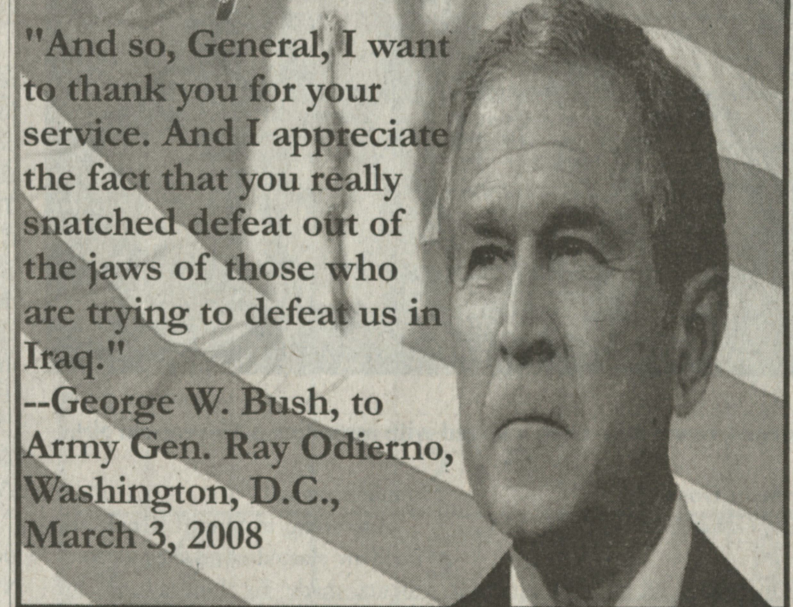
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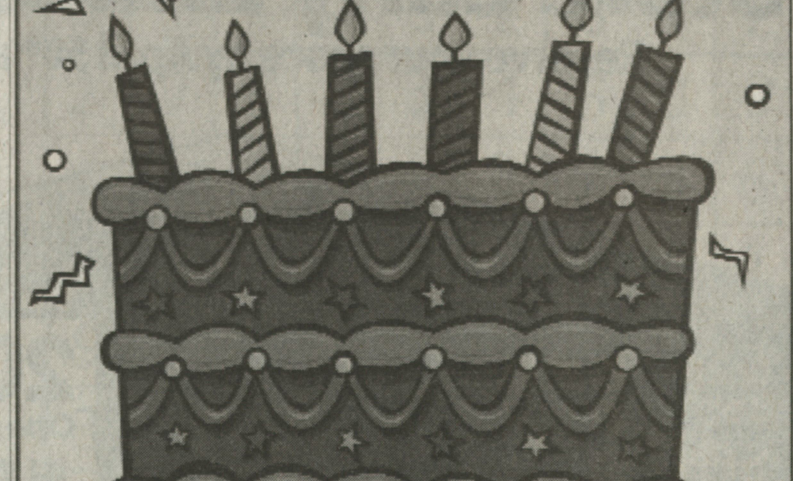
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Thomas Beatie, pre-testosterone

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Texas polygamist compound evacuated after sexual and physical abuse of minors is reported



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Women and children prepare to leave the Texas polygamist compound in which they have been enslaved their entire lives.

By Kristen Manion
Staff Writer

The call came from a terrified 16-year-old girl, already a mother with an 8-month-old infant and pregnant for a second time. She whispered to a representative from a local domestic violence shelter that she had been forced to marry a man three times her age, becoming his seventh wife. He sexually assaulted her and beat her whenever he lost his temper, often while the other women in the house held the girl's infant.

The unidentified girl had looked into the possibility of escape, but like the other young people who lived in the compound, had been told that on "the outside," in a world completely foreign to her, she would be forced to "cut her hair, wear makeup and have sex with numerous men," according to CNN; all of which are condemned by the Fundamentalist Church of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS).

After a series of these phone calls, local police were prompted to investigate the claims. On Thursday, April 3, state troopers and local child welfare advocates raided the "Yearning for Zion" (YFZ) ranch in Eldorado, Texas. The investigation into child abuse alle-

gations is ongoing. Days into the investigation, officials still have not identified who or where the teenage caller is.

An affidavit signed by Lynn McFadden, a Department of Family and Protective Services investigative supervisor, stated that "Investigators determined that there is a widespread pattern and practice of the [YFZ] Ranch in which young, minor female residents are conditioned to expect and accept sexual activity with adult men at the ranch upon being spiritually married to them."

According to the Associated Press, 416 children and 139 women have been removed from the compound, many of them having never left the ranch in their lives. All the children are now under the legal custody of the state of Texas. A number of the teenage girls found at the 1,700-acre ranch, according to court documents, said "[they] were pregnant, and all the children were removed on the grounds that they were in danger of 'emotional, physical, and/or sexual abuse.'"

Authorities have issued a warrant for Dale Warren, 50, believed to be hiding in Arizona.

The YFZ ranch has been linked to polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs, 53, who is standing trial for sexual abuse of

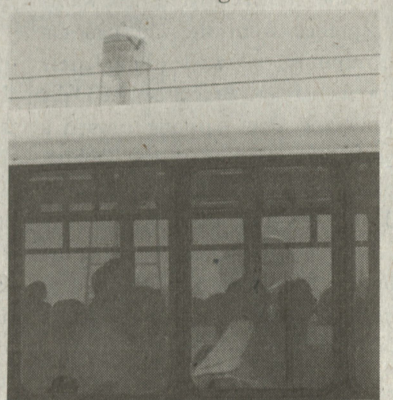
a minor and sexual misconduct by arranging the marriage of a 14-year-old girl to her 19-year-old first cousin, who was already married.

The Church of Latter-Day Saints does not recognize the Fundamentalist church as a part of the Mormon religion. The FLDS broke away from the main Church of Latter-Day Saints in 1890, when the church officially banned polygamy in order to gain Utah's statehood.

Over a week after the raid, the state of Texas has called in over 500 volunteers and mental health professionals for "intensive counseling" and to place the children in new educational environments. The state's plan is to completely remove the children from the fundamentalist church and place them in foster homes.

The children had been taught from an early age to fear the outside world, so authorities expect the transition to be a long and difficult one. The children were "abused or at risk of being abused," said Marleigh Meisner, a regional spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

The YFZ remains restricted to the public, and men who lived on the compound are banned from returning. The 139 women and their children are welcome to return if they wish, pending the end of the investigation.



First Baptist Church, Eldorado, Texas.

Women and children are evacuated by bus early in the investigation.

Study finds drug errors affect many hospitalized children

By Matthew J. Harhai
Staff Writer

The accidental overdose of actor Dennis Quaid's newborn twins last Nov. and a new drug error detection method's results now have scientists and the public in an outrage.

One child of every 15 is affected by drug errors, according to the results of the research.

Quaid's twins received life-threatening heparin doses in a Los Angeles Hospital. He described the situation as "the most frightening time" of his life, according to CNN.

Dr. Charles Homer of the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality, whose group developed the tool, said in a CNN interview, "These data and the Dennis Quaid episode are telling us that ... these kinds of errors and experiencing harm as a result of your health care is much more common than people believe. It's very concerning."

Dr. Homer even believes the problem is larger than people think. "The study didn't include general community hospitals, where most U.S. children requiring hospitalization are treated," Homer said.

The drug errors found in the study included, besides overdoses like the Quaid family experienced, the administration of medicine to the wrong patient and unwanted drug effects.

The researchers, using a new method, found startling evidence showing much higher drug errors than past research. 11 out of every 100 hospitalized children experience harmful episodes due to drug errors.

Less than four percent of the problem is due to hospital staff recording errors.

"The new monitoring method developed for the study is a list of 15 'triggers' on young patients' charts that suggest possible drug-related harm," said a CNN article, with "specific antidotes for drug overdoses, suspicious side effects and certain lab tests."

Triggers listed as effective in mitigating drug errors in patients that have already been mis-treated include drugs like naloxone, an antidote used in painkiller overdose situations.

The researchers noted that errors must be prevented by using proactive, "aggressive, evidence-based prevention strategies," according to CNN.

Traditional drug error prevention deals with general chart reviews of

patients and encouraging an honor system of error recording.

Safety experts agree with Dr. Homer's statement, they say the problem is probably larger than it seems, said CNN.

Quaid offers some advice for prevention, "Every time a caregiver comes into the room, I would check and ask the nurse what they're giving them and why," Quaid said.

The Quaid's and their publicized crisis has provoked a lot of press attention.

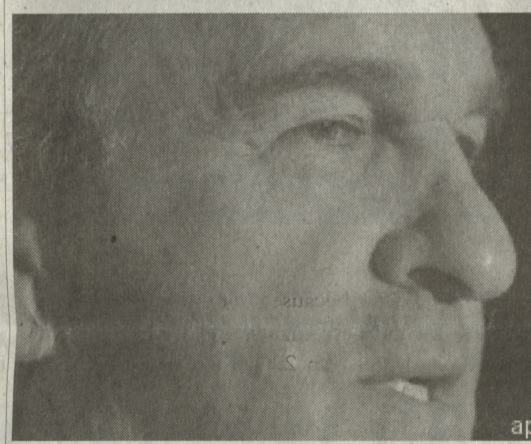
After the experience, Dennis and his wife Kimberly formed a foundation to combat medical errors.

The twins Thomas Boone and Zoe Grace, after their brush with death, are now nearly five months old and healthy.



Actor Dennis Quaid (above) nearly lost his twins to an accidental overdose.

Clinton advisor resigns after criticizing Obama



Associated Press photo

Clinton advisor Bill Shaheen resigned after criticizing Obama's past drug use.

By Doug Allers
Staff Writer

One of Sen. Hillary Clinton's top advisors stepped down Thursday, April 10, after comments he had made regarding Sen. Barack Obama's past drug use.

On Wednesday, Bill Shaheen, who is co-chairman of the Clinton campaign in New Hampshire told a Washington Post reporter "the Republicans are not going to give up without a fight and one of the things they're certainly going to jump on is his drug use...it'll be, 'When was the last time? Did you ever give drugs to anyone? There are so many openings for Republican dirty tricks. It's hard to overcome.'"

There was an immediate backlash at the remarks made by Shaheen. A day after he made the comments, he stepped down. In a statement, he said, "I would like to reiterate that I

deeply regret my comments yesterday and say again that they were in no way authorized by Sen. Clinton or the Clinton campaign."

Clinton, who opened up about the issue in a statement, said that Shaheen made a mistake, but "he apologized." She added "I don't in any way condone that, and it was certainly not authorized or approved at all. It was inappropriate."

The latest polls revealed on Wednesday that Obama and Clinton were tied in the first primary state of New Hampshire, which could be a reason, Obama stated, that Shaheen made the remark in the first place.

Obama said that he did not believe Shaheen's intent was to start a rumor which could potentially hurt his campaign.

Obama spokesman David Plouffe told CNN that the Clinton "campaign is recycling old news that Barack Obama has been candid about in a book he wrote years ago, and he's talked about the lessons he's learned from these mistakes with young people all across the country."

Obama has never been shy about his past drug use, admitting, in his 1995 novel, "Dreams of My Father," that he experimented with marijuana and cocaine. He admitted that at rough times, "pot...helped,

and booze; maybe a little blow when you could afford it. Not smack, though."

His hopes are to deliver an honest message to young adults. On the campaign trail, he often speaks of his youth and past drug experimentation.

CNN reported that "he spoke candidly about his past experimentation at an event in New Hampshire last month, acknowledging that he did inhale and that 'it's not something I'm proud of.'"

As for whether or not this will cause a commotion or harm his run for presidency, nearly everyone at Obama's camp believes it will not hurt his campaign.

Katherine Klosek, an SU alumna who campaigned for Obama in South Carolina and plans to campaign in Pennsylvania this coming weekend, said, "It makes him seem more human and less like the DC status quo that he's trying to distance himself from."

Other students around campus seem to agree with this notion. Kelly Baldwin, a junior at SU, said, "I don't think it should be a big deal. It shows his honesty. If he has enough candor to come out and admit to that, he will probably be consistently honest about other issues."

Sophomore Kelly Henderson said "I don't think it really matters if a presidential candidate has done drugs in the past. What's more important is how he or she is going to run our country. It's the now that's important. We all make mistakes."

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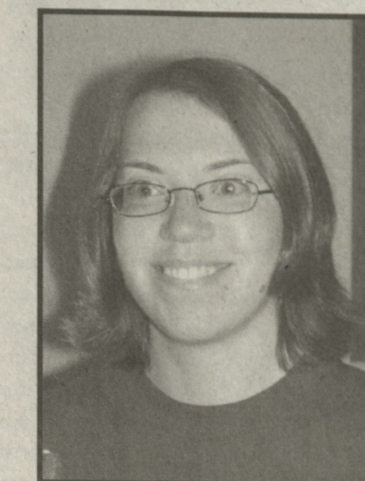
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What was your favorite NCUR Overheard: presentation?

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



"Construction Methods For The Musical Instruments Of The Appalachian South."

Amy Sturtevant - freshman



"The Whistler presentation."

Clayton Alsop - senior



"Dharma Bums."

Kiernan Waters - sophomore



"The West and the Wild."

Linda Abresch - faculty



"The Nietzsche presentations!"

Stephen Abresch - junior



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Zach Haney - senior

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Does the popular vote have a chance?

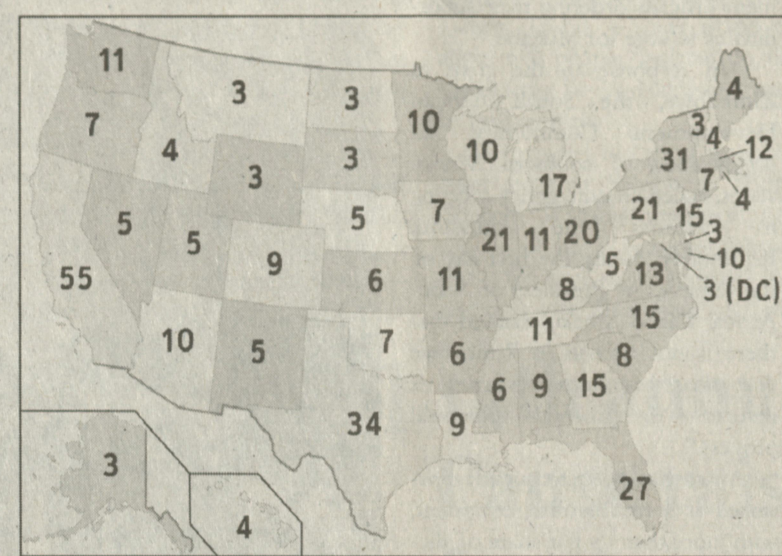
By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

It has been said that this upcoming election is one of the most important elections in our history. There has been a lot of controversy over each candidate as well as controversies over health care, the war on terrorism and taxes. The nation has prepared itself for a long upcoming presidential election and Maryland has decided to reject the Electoral College. Why? Because Maryland believes the Electoral College needs a makeover.

Governor Martin O'Malley and the Annapolis legislature made Maryland the first state in the nation to decide that its Electoral College members should someday be required to vote for the presidential candidate that the majority of the country votes for.

Through the United States Electoral College, voters of each state formally elect the United States President and Vice President. Each state has as many electors as it does US Representatives and US Senators (10 in Maryland). In all but two states, the candidate who receives the plurality of the popular vote in the state receives all of its electoral votes.

This change would not be put in place until most states agreed on it. There would have to be a 270-vote majority in the Electoral College, and Maryland has 10 of those votes. If this change took effect, it is something that could benefit all Americans, especially the voters who are ignored when presidential candidates only focus on a few battleground states. A battleground state, also known as a swing state, is a state in which no candidate has overwhelming support. These states



Internet photo

The above map displays the number of Electoral votes allotted for each state.

are targets for presidential candidates because winning these states is the best chance for a party to win votes. In 2004 there were only 16 battleground states.

This reform movement that Maryland supports is driven by a bipartisan coalition called National Popular Vote. It has a long way to go, but Hawaii is close to approving it, and many legislatures are considering change in more than 40 other states. Doing this is a way around amending the Constitution, which would require the approval of three-quarters of the states. This would leave veto power in the hands of smaller states that are overrepresented in the college.

The need to change the way our country decides on a president was made very clear in the 2000 election. George W. Bush lost the popular vote by about 544,000 votes but won in the Supreme Court, meaning he won the election. I do agree with Maryland in that the president needs to be determined by the popular

vote and not only by the Electoral College.

Opponents of such a reform believe that rural interests would be ignored. This is false and absurd. This change would force candidates to try harder in less populated areas to make sure they have those citizens' votes. I think it would be doing the exact opposite of what opponents believe.

I believe that the popular vote should be a bigger factor in determining the president of the United States. Although changes in the Constitution could pose major problems, I think it is something the United States should at least consider. Our founding fathers created the Electoral College to limit the power of the federal government, but it is now 200 years later. I believe in democracy and respect the will of the people. To me, this means that we should ensure that the election of our president is decided by the popular vote.

11 grad tickets are not enough to go around

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

Graduation is quickly approaching for the seniors of Salisbury University. About five weeks are left in the school year, so it's time to call all the family members who have supported you throughout these four (or perhaps more) years. Yet those who have loved and cared for you may not be able to see the most important moment of your academic career: graduation. You have to pick and choose who can attend, you risk hurting people's feelings, and worse than that, you feel sad that certain people could not be there to experience your joy.

Eleven tickets are all we get, a measly eleven! Not everyone has the ideal family of four. I know that there are only a certain amount of people who can fit in the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, yet perhaps they could find another loca-

tion where others are not left out in the cold.

And who is to say that family are the only ones that we wish to have in attendance? To many people, friends are just as important as family. If you are wondering if I am experiencing this problem of too few tickets, the answer, I am sure you have guessed, is: YES! I have two sisters, seven aunts, six uncles, two sets of grandparents, and 22 cousins...and a partridge in a pear tree. I know it may seem as if I am being a little overzealous, but each one of those people has had a major influence in my life and we all are extremely close. So to say



Gary Hovland

Wall Street Journal Cartoon

With only 11 spots available for family members, graduation tickets may become a hot commodity.

this topic hits a little close to home is an understatement. Perhaps this is something the university could take into consideration. We want the people we love to be at graduation. ALL of them.

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Teens charged with assault for YouTube video



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8 teens (above) have been charged with assaulting a 16-year-old girl.

By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

On March 30, six girls attacked Victoria Lindsay, 16, for a video that they planned to post on YouTube. Two other boys were held in connection to the assault, but were only look-outs. One was an adult and the other a minor.

The video has been described as an "animalistic attack" by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd on NBC's "Today Show." Several screen shots of the video show the victim, Lindsay, being backed into a corner and hit multiple times in the head. The video lasted almost 30

minutes overall.

According to Sheriff Grady the incident started over alleged comments made by Lindsay on the social networking site MySpace.

Lindsay was staying with one of the attackers, Mercedes Nichols, for spring break when the attack occurred. Lindsay entered Nichols' home when two girls started yelling at her and insulting her. Following that, Lindsay went into a bedroom where April Cooper was hiding, Cooper hit Lindsay several times and slammed her head against a wall, knocking her unconscious, according to a press release from the Polk Sheriff's Office.

The judge has already issued a gag order forbidding the girls to speak publicly about the incident. As of now prosecutors will be charging the six girls, whose ages range from 14 to 16, as adults.

"It was a pack mentality and they really didn't care how bad they hurt her," said Sheriff Grady Judd in an interview with central Florida News.

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The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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"I'm a freshman at Salisbury and I've never had a boyfriend. I'm really shy and scared to talk to boys. Besides being shy, my friends tell me I'm really fun to be around and pretty. How can I overcome my shyness and finally have a boyfriend?"

Try not to put too much pressure on actually getting a boyfriend. If you overcome your shyness first, things will become easier and guys will become easier to talk to. Instead of looking for a boyfriend, look for guys as friends. They will get to know you on a friend level and things will take off from there. Maybe they are intimidated by you or think you do not like them because you are shy. Practice being more outgoing by talking to people in your classes and asking them what they are doing that weekend. Ask your girlfriends to bring over their boyfriends' friends and have them introduce you. If you are hanging out as a group it will be less intimidating and you will be more open and less shy. Find common interests with people and the conversation will take off from there. You may not have found someone worth going out with yet either, which is good. Dating someone takes time and is not effortless. Do not expect yourself to get a boyfriend overnight but branch out, talk to people, overcome your shyness and wait for someone to realize how much fun you really are.

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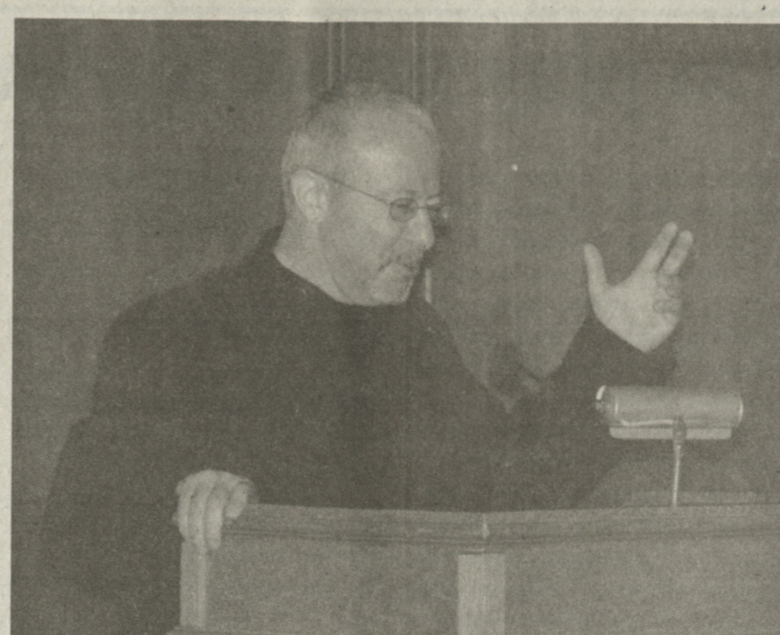
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English Department's Writers on the Shore presents poet Andrei Codrescu



Sarah Wright photo

The New York Times describes Andrei Codrescu (above) as "one of the most prodigiously talented and magical writers."

By Danny Ross
Staff Writer

As part of the English Department's Writers on the Shore series this spring, author and poet Andrei Codrescu gave a lecture in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall last Wednesday. Codrescu read poetry from his new book of poems, "I was Today," and from some of his older works. A reception and book signing followed in the Social Room of Holloway Hall.

Codrescu was born in Communist Romania in 1946 but immigrated to the United States in 1966 when he was just 19 years old. Although he arrived in the U.S. knowing only six words of English, Codrescu published his first book of poems, titled "License to Carry a Gun," just four

"Messiah," a novel chronicling the onset of millennial fever; "Casanova in Bohemia," about the 18th-century illuminist philosopher and adventurer Giacomo Casanova; and "Wahfield," a novel about an inspirational speaker who makes a deal with the devil at the end of the 20th Century.

Codrescu's work is highly regarded and has been translated into languages such as Romanian, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Greek, Czech, Slovakian and Russian. In praise of his poetry, The New York Times calls Andrei Codrescu "one of our most prodigiously talented and magical writers."

Dr. Michael Waters, Professor of American Literature and Creative Writing at Salisbury University, had this to say about Andrei Codrescu: "What I love and so admire in Andrei Codrescu's work is its spontaneity, its flashes of brilliance, its humor and its rampant horniness. He writes out of all aspects of his personality, and that personality constantly reinvents itself."

Codrescu has received awards such as the George Foster Peabody Award, the ACLU Freedom of Speech Award, Big Table Poetry Award, the Towson State University Literature Prize and the General Electric Foundation Poetry Prize. He has also been awarded National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships for poetry, editing and radio.

Codrescu is currently the MacCurdy Distinguished Professor of English at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and resides in New Orleans, his adopted home.

SOAP n' ACES to hold Vera Bradley Bingo for Relay



Internet photo

Check out Vera Bradley bingo on April 20 in the Wicomico Room to win authentic merchandise and help the American Cancer Society.

By Samantha Sullivan
Staff Writer

Want to enjoy an afternoon playing bingo while winning authentic Vera Bradley merchandise and helping the American Cancer Society? The Salisbury University Student Activity Office for Activity Planning is participating in Relay for Life® this May at SU and wants to raise money for their team.

The event was originally scheduled for April 20. However, the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office recently informed them that gambling is not permitted on Sundays. The date and time and of the event is TBA. The cost of the tickets is \$10 dollars in advance and \$15 dollars at the door. The ticket includes your entrance fee and 20 games of bingo.

"You can get them from the SOAP office and you can purchase as many as you would like for you

and your friends. All of the proceeds will be going to the American Cancer Society," said Katie Ryan. Ryan is the comedy chair for SOAP and their team captain for Relay for Life®.

The team, who call themselves the "SOAPn' ACES," welcomes anyone from the surrounding community to come play and raise money for their cause. If you are lucky, you may leave with some fabulous prizes.

The Vera Bradley prizes have been graciously donated by the SU Bookstore and VP Shoes, through some of them were purchased by the team members themselves.

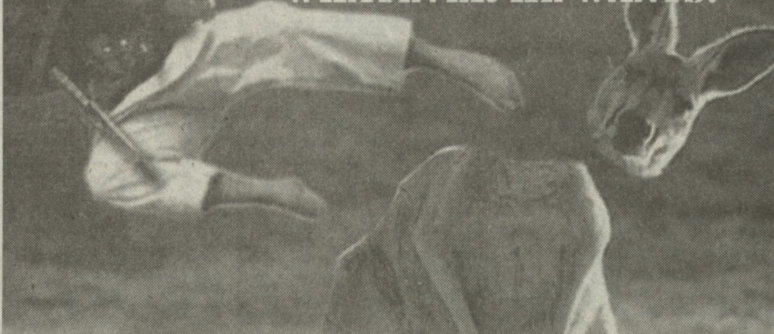
"We have some really cool prizes. The bags are really cute," Ryan said. Even if you are not a girl, or do not care for Vera Bradley, everyone is still welcome to play for fun or to win prizes for someone they know while benefiting a good cause.

Concessions will also be available at low cost during the games and will include snacks, pizza, drinks, etc. "We wanted to keep it cheap for the students," Ryan said. These proceeds will also be helping the "SOAPn' ACES" reach their fundraising goal for this year's Relay event.

Information is located on flyers around campus and in the SOAP office in GUC. If anyone has questions about the event or needs ticket information, they can contact the SOAP office at Salisbury University at soap@salisbury.edu.

CHUCK NORRIS FACT OF THE WEEK

CHUCK NORRIS IS LIKE A DOG, NOT ONLY BECAUSE HE CAN SMELL FEAR, BUT BECAUSE HE CAN PISS ON WHATEVER HE WANTS.



HEALTH COLUMN STDs

By Sarah Branton
Staff Writer

College life brings to light many new experiences for young adults. Getting out from under the thumb of parents frees college students into unfamiliar and sometimes exciting situations. Besides hitting the books, recent high school graduates find themselves at college parties that can involve alcohol, drugs and sex.

Cautious in order should you participate in these activities. Some college students claim they will only have sex with someone they know well, trust, or even love. However, by throwing alcohol and drugs in the mix, mistakes can happen.

Always use common sense, especially if you decide to use alcohol. Practice the buddy system when you party. Go with a responsible friend and watch out for each other. If you feel intoxicated, get a safe ride home with a sober friend or use a taxi service. Date rape drugs are prevalent today and are the predators that use them on their unsuspecting victims. You should guard any open drink—alcoholic or not. It pays to be defensive.

Alcohol and drugs have their own safety and health consequences. Sex can have some uncomfortable and deadly consequences as well. Even if precaution is used, there is no fool-proof method to safe sex. Health risks also come from oral and anal sex. However, if you decide to take the risk and responsibility of sex, protect yourself and your partner with birth control and latex condoms.

Pregnancy is a serious consideration when becoming sexually active. Ask yourself the questions: Am I ready for the responsibility of a child? Where do I want to be and who do I want to be with in the next five years? Do I even want children? Talk to someone who has children, preferably a young adult. They will most likely advise you to plan for a family after your life is more stable.

The major health risks involved with sex are Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs). The most serious of these are Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). However, there are many other STDs. The SU Student Health Services Web site cited the following national data: "The most common STDs among college-age students are Human Papilloma Virus, Herpes Simplex Virus and Chlamydia." Other STDs include Gonorrhea, Genital Warts, Syphilis and Trichomoniasis, to name a few. Some are curable and others are not.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Web site, symptoms for several of these STDs include abnormal discharge, discomfort during sex and while urinating, irritation and itching in genital area, bumps, sores and rashes, fever, headache and stomach pains. If you have any related symptoms, see a member of the SHS staff or your healthcare provider. The bad news is that tests are not 100 percent effective.

A yearly pelvic exam, pap smear, and blood test are the best ways to detect an STD. Getting tested after unprotected sex is crucial for early detection. Tests can be done at SHS for a fee. SHS is available to help all SU students through new and unfamiliar college experiences.

If you think the odds of getting an STD are slim, you better think again. The SHS Web site states that by age 24, at least one out of every four Americans is infected with an STD. People under the age of 25 account for approximately two-thirds of all new STD infections. Don't become a statistic.

Make your college experience healthy and happy. Abstinence, protected sex and regular medical exams can save you years of anguish. With freedom comes responsibility, so protect your future by making the right choices.

Weekly Greek News GREEK WEEK 2008

By Lindsay Dickinson
Staff Writer

Every spring all Greek organizations come together for a week full of competitions during Greek Week. At the end of the week, one fraternity and one sorority will be named the 2008 Greek Week Champions.

According to the Salisbury University Greek Life Web site, Greek Week is best described as "a week that occurs during the spring semester and is completely planned and implemented by the Greek community. The week consists of various competitions such as a tug o' war, song fest, flag

football, donut eating contest and more. This week allows members of the Greek community an opportunity to show spirit for their organization and also for Salisbury University."

This year Greek Week is April 13-18. Events include Greek singing, soccer, volleyball, flag football, chariot race, obstacle course, campus clean-up, tug o' war, banner competition, a pie eating contest and more. There are about two competitions per day throughout the week, each at a different time to work around students' schedules.

"My favorite event is the chariot races," said Jaime Somers, sister of Zeta Tau Alpha. "What we do

is every fraternity and sorority goes and gets a shopping cart. Then, we all decorate our cart with streamers and paint, and all other types of fun stuff that represents our organization while coordinating the theme of the week as well. Then the boys race each other, pushing their carts around campus with a brother inside the cart, and the girls do the same, racing one another. In the end it's not just about who wins the race, but also whose cart has the most spirit."

Greek Week isn't just about fun; it's also a nice way to give back to the community. During the week, members of each organization collect canned goods. The organi-

zation with the most canned goods wins points towards the week's competition. While it is fun to see who collects the most cans, in the end Greek Week is a way to all join together in an effort to give to the less fortunate. During the week, all Greek members also attend a campus speaker to gain points as well as enrich the Greek community.

"Greek Week is a great time. I love playing flag football," said Nicole Sunderlin, a senior at SU. "But we also do collect canned goods and I love that we all come together to do this. We make Greek Week not just about sports but also about strengthening Greek and campus relations."

From the photo bank: A special NCUR edition



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Honors Student Association members take a break from volunteering at Friday's beach party to bury themselves in the sand!



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Sammy the Sea Gull tosses a frisbee around with NCUR presenters on the Henson lawn.



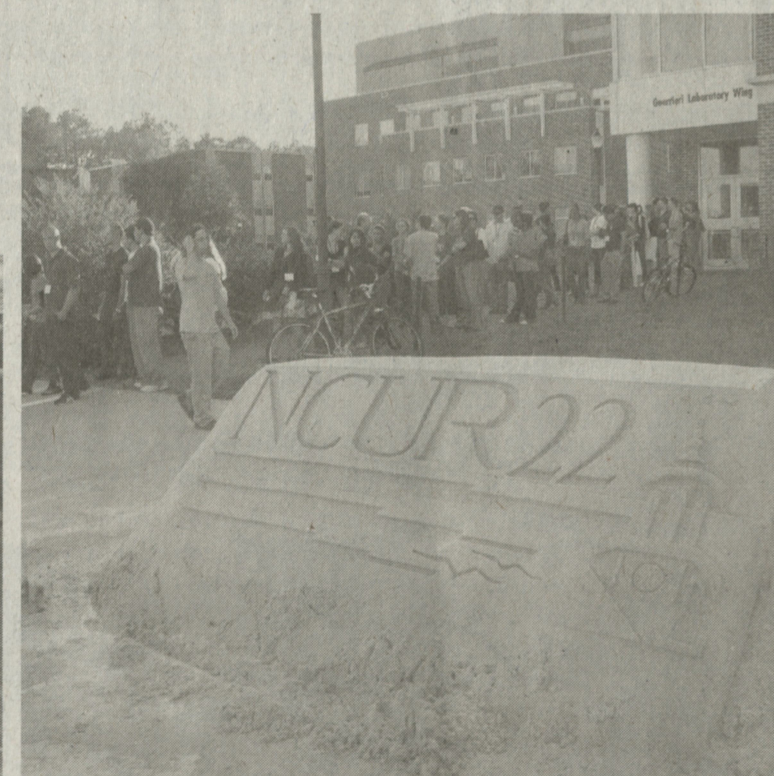
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NCUR presenters browse grad school information at the Grad Fair and poster session on Thursday afternoon in Maggs.



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NCUR presenters from across the country socialize with SU students at a reception in the Honors House on Friday afternoon.



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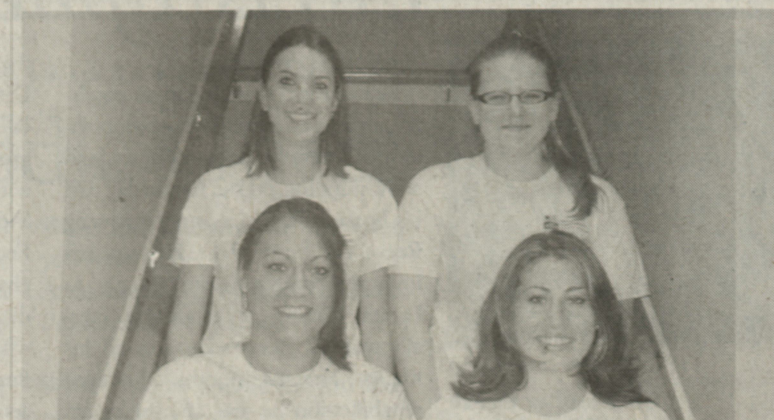
A sand sculpture by George Zaiser displays the NCUR 22 logo. Zaiser's work in Ocean City has attracted national attention.



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Tom and Donna Clark of MP Steel spice things up at Friday's beach party.

Club Spotlight OPERATION WALLACEA



Telecia Taylor photo

Operation Wallacea members clockwise from top left: Laura Fletcher, Jordana Todd, Stephanie Phelan and Danielle Clark

By Katie Murphy
Staff Writer

Operation Wallacea is a newly formed club on campus. It became an organization officially recognized by Salisbury University in December 2007. Operation Wallacea is a nationally-based volunteer organization that runs a series of biological and conservation management projects in Indonesia, South Africa, Honduras, Peru and Egypt. It specifically focuses on the conservation of rainforest, coral reefs and the preservation of cultural heritage.

OpwallSU started off with 12 members and currently has four active members.

"Next semester we plan on advertising more to the SU students in hopes that we can have a big group of new Opwall biologists!" said Laura Fletcher, president of OpwallSU. "This is very new to us and once we come back from our expeditions this summer we will be able to offer more to future Opwall research assistants."

Two members of the club will be going to Indonesia for four weeks this summer. During their trip they will participate in different activities each week. Some of the activities they will be participating in are jungle training courses, bat research, coral reef ecology, surveying marine mammals and a wide array of training classes.

Another club member will be going to the Makhasa Reserve in South Africa for six weeks where

she will be helping to track and collect data on leopards.

Opwall offers a wide array of expeditions ranging from 2-8 weeks. Participants assist experienced scientists with their surveys of rainforest and marine ecosystems on most expeditions.

The four active members of the OpwallSU have been participating in many fundraising events throughout the year in order to subsidize the cost of their summer trips. The cost of trips varies, depending on length and location. They also do not include the cost of plane tickets and vaccines. "Since we are constantly working on our events, we meet every week. The club requires a lot of dedication, but the rewards are priceless," Fletcher said.

Some of the upcoming events that OpwallSU will be participating in are Earth Day at the Salisbury Zoo on Saturday, April 19, and Earth Day at Salisbury University on Thursday, April 24, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. OpwallSU will be hosting an auction on Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Scarborough Leadership House. A blackjack tournament will be held at Brew River Restaurant and Bar on Thursday, April 17, from 8-10 p.m. to benefit Operation Wallacea. The last event that OpwallSU has planned before their trips is May 8 at Texas Roadhouse, where 10 percent of your check will be donated to OpwallSU.

For more information about Operation Wallacea please look at their Web site: <http://www.opwall.com/>.

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A lost SU student wanders into the beach party on Friday night looking for food.

In recognition of Disability Awareness Month, The Flyer would like to celebrate the life and achievements of Christopher Reeve



Internet photo
Christopher Reeve

By Katelyn Johnson
Staff Writer

Superman was supposed to be invincible. And it seemed like the actor who portrayed him, Christopher Reeve, was on top of the world as well. Reeve, along with playing the roles of husband, father, pianist, director, author, pilot and human rights advocate, to name a few, was a popular movie star. No one foresaw the events of May 27, 1995, but even disaster didn't stop

Superman's drive. Reeve was competing in an equestrian event competition, a combination of dressage, cross country, and show jumping, on the fateful day that his horse balked at a jump, throwing Reeve off head first. He was left instantly paralyzed and unable to breathe. Emergency surgery to literally reattach Reeve's head saved his life and after six months of intense rehabilitation he was able to return home, though completely dependent on an electric wheelchair.

Although Reeve's life was saved, his condition left him in constant medical danger for related illnesses such as pneumonia, infections and blood clots. Some men would let this defeat them, but Reeve used the international attention he was receiving to increase awareness of spinal cord injuries and to raise money to find a cure.

Reeve was soon elected chairman of the American Paralysis Association and vice chairman of

the National Organization on Disability. He co-founded the Reeve-Irvine Research Center, which grew into one of the largest spinal cord research centers in the world, and created the Christopher Reeve Foundation to increase the funding given to research. Reeve never let his disability stop him from pursuing what he had always loved and continued to direct, publish books and act.

Almost 10 years after his accident, Reeve went into cardiac arrest after receiving an antibiotic for an infection he was fighting off. Eighteen hours later, on Oct. 10, 2004 Reeve died at the early age of 52. His legacy, however, continues to affect people through the work and foundations he left behind.

As Reeve himself said, "What I do is based on powers we all have inside us, the ability to endure, the ability to love, to carry on, to make the best of what we have - and you don't have to be a Superman to do it."

Students spend spring break in Costa Rica

By Kellie Madden
Staff Writer

This spring break, the Global Program Service Group of eight Salisbury students spent their vacation caring for 37-plus children living in a foster home in Cartago, Costa Rica. Dr. Jill Cavaglia-Harris supervised the students on this first alternative spring break trip. The main objective of the students was to occupy the children while they were out of school for their Easter vacation.

"When we would get there in the morning the kids were all so excited to see you," said participant Aidan Tachon. "Within two minutes of walking in the door we were turned into human jungle gyms." Dan Cato, another student participating in the trip, said they planned a

lot of activities with the children, including going to the park, scavenger hunts, relay races and jump rope. Along with these activities the students also aided the children with hygiene issues, such as nail clipping, hair cuts and house cleaning.

The program was initiated by the Economics Society after several fundraising events. To help with program costs, students held many fundraising activities including several poker tournaments, a 5K run, a bingo game, as well as odd jobs for SU faculty and staff and members of the local community. As a result, students were able to raise enough money to reduce the cost of the program by a substantial amount.

The program was arranged by Cross-Cultural Solutions (CCS), an international not-for-profit organization founded in 1995. CCS is a recog-

nized leader in the field of international volunteering, with over 4,000 volunteers each year. CCS provided logistical support, program details and arranged the specific assignments for the SU Global Service group.

Tachon said hopefully the school will arrange a trip back to the same place next year. Although this is the first time the school has funded a trip like this, plans are in progress to develop an annual program with assistance from the Student Government Association, the SU administration and the Center for International Education. As part of this initiative, a banquet dinner was planned for April 14 to celebrate the success of the trip with the administration and interested faculty. An interest meeting for students will be held on April 29 at 3:30 p.m. to begin recruiting a group for next year.

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Please kindly contact our student survivor, Ali Horkey (ah55841@students.salisbury.edu) or RSVP online at <http://events.cancer.org/rflsurelay> to register.

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Student Athlete Spotlight Maddie Goetz



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SU lacrosse player Maddie Goetz

By Erin Hart
Staff Writer

Maddie Goetz is a sophomore at Salisbury University and attended Fallston High School. She played field hockey and soccer along with lacrosse when she was growing up.

"I have always just loved sports in general. I played soccer and field hockey too and I think I fell in love with lacrosse after my first game when I scored my first goal, which is ironic because now I play defense," Maddie said. She has two sisters, Katie, 28, and Ali, 24. Goetz was

captain of both her high school lacrosse and field hockey teams her senior year. She plays defense for the SU women's lacrosse team. Maddie is majoring in history and working on a minor in secondary education. "I'm going to be a history teacher," Maddie says.

What is your favorite food?
Crab! I'm a true Maryland girl, you got to love crabs.

Who is your inspiration?
It's probably a little cliché, but my sister Ali. She just has a work ethic that I admire and I've always been a little jealous because it just seems like everything comes so naturally to her. She deserves every accomplishment she has because she has worked so hard and I would love to be told that I work as hard as she does. Both my sisters are my best friends, but Ali has always been there for me to tell me that I'm doing great and when I need to pick it up a little bit...or pick it up a lot!

Favorite college memory?
Just being a part of this team. When coach first announced the final roster last year I was like...what? Are

you serious? It was such a good feeling to know that hard work pays off and the team is just amazing. All the girls are so helpful and work so hard and make you want to work harder and be better and win it all. It's the best experience.

Favorite color?
I'm in a green phase.

Do you have a favorite animal? Did you have any animals growing up?
Dolphins! Growing up my sister Katie was an exotic animal breeder so we had a zoo in our basement. We had two dogs, four ferrets, 40-plus chinchillas, sugar gliders, hedgehogs, guinea pigs, and even a signing squirrel which is like a mini groundhog. It chewed through everything and we had to get rid of it.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I'm pretty much up for anything. I love hanging out with my friends, going to the beach, going to the movies, and just having a good time.

What did you want to be when you were little?
A marine biologist...until I realized I'm terrified of sharks.

What kind of music do you like to listen to?
I'll listen to anything that's good.

Do you have another lacrosse team you like?
I don't really have a favorite girls team besides us but there are so many different programs that I respect. We watched Northwestern play Hopkins last year when we were on our way back from an away game and just watching their level of play was awesome.

Would you ever want to coach after college?
I've had such a good experience with coaches. My high school field hockey coach, Alice Puckett, was just amazing. She taught me so much and I was scared I would never have another coach like her. Then I started playing and coach Nestor has just made me a better player. Getting a job out of college is the main priority, but I would love to coach one day.

Baseball finishes perfect conference season

By Philip Speake
Staff Writer

The SU baseball team (32-1, 18-0 CAC) won their 31st and 32nd straight games in convincing fashion this past Sunday against the University of Mary Washington. In the doubleheader, Salisbury took the first game, 16-2, in seven innings and won game two, 18-9, in nine innings. Salisbury finished their regular season conference schedule by going 18-0 and will hold the top seed in this week's Capital Athletic Conference tournament. SU will play York College in the first round on April 15. UMW will be the number two seed when the tournament begins, allowing this weekend's match-up to be a possible preview of the conference championship. By finishing the conference season undefeated, Salisbury became the first team since UMW in 2005 to finish regular season play unbeaten. The current 32 game-winning streak is the longest in the country. Salisbury also defeated UMW 5-3 last Wednesday on the road. Junior Eric Willey (6-0) got the win giving up only one run in eight innings.

In game one, Salisbury wasted little time getting all over UMW freshman pitcher Jeff Brill. Resting their top line pitching for the conference tournament

did not work out well for the Eagles. Brill gave up runs in each of the first four innings, lasting only three and a third. Junior Jordan Crystal was the catalyst for the Sea Gulls from the top of the order, batting 3-4 with three RBIs. Freshmen Will Evans and Andrew Miller continued their strong rookie season with three hits apiece. Evans finished the game with five RBIs and a home run. Taking the hill was Dustin Herbert, another freshman having a strong season. Herbert gave up only one earned run in six innings, improving his record to 9-0 on the season. Freshman Alex Duda pitched the final inning completing the victory.

In the second game, Salisbury picked up right where they left off. After a UMW double play in the beginning of the first inning, the Sea Gulls went on to score eight runs in the first frame. All of the Sea Gull's runs came from seven singles and four walks in the inning. The Sea Gulls never looked back completing their perfect conference record (18-0). Senior Ryan Bennick (9-0) got the win for Salisbury, pitching six strong innings. At the plate every member of the starting lineup reached base and recorded a hit. Salisbury also had a player from every position on the field score a run in the game. In total there were 16 hits, 18 runs and 10 men



Andrew Baker photo

Freshman Andrew Miller belts one of his three hits against University of Mary Washington on Sunday's doubleheader.

left on base. A combined 28 base runners roamed the diamond throughout the afternoon for Salisbury. At one point Salisbury was up 18-0, but UMW refused to quit and extended the game by scoring three in the fifth

inning and five more in the seventh inning. Salisbury will continue their amazing season with the CAC tournament, which opens up at home against York College on April 15 at 12:00 p.m. Salisbury

Let's go O's!

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

The Baltimore Orioles came out of spring training sporting a decade streak of losing seasons and it looked to be much of the same as they lost their 2008 season opener. However, they split that series and then went on to sweep the Seattle Mariners in a four-game set, the first time since 1999, to boost their record to 6-1, the best in the American League East.

"It's great for our team, and I think success builds confidence, no question about it, especially at this level," said Baltimore manager Dave Trembley. All of the off-season moves the club made also seem to be paying off. They rid themselves of stars Miguel Tejada and Erik Bedard for a slew of young talents, including pitcher Dennis Sarfate.

If pitching was the O's weakness the last few seasons, so far this year, it has been their unforeseen strength. They have allowed just two runs in the first 21 1/2 innings of the season (.094 ERA). "We're playing great. We're getting great pitching out of our bullpen. It's what you need," first baseman Kevin Millar said.

The Toronto Blue Jays, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox were all picked to finish the season better than the Orioles. Two weeks in the season, only the Yankees are above .500 and the Red Sox are uncharacteristically sitting at the bottom of the division.

It seems fitting that the Orioles start the season with a barrage of victories only to disappoint, as past history suggests. But the Orioles are off to their best start since 1998 and have a new look, a new attitude and a winning record. So for the time being, Orioles fans deserve to enjoy what it feels like to win and be excited for the upcoming season.

Men's, Women's track and field looks to CACs



Andrew Baker photo

SU sprinters Alicia Canzanese and Charlese Phillips compete at last weekend's Westchester University's Invitational.

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's and women's track team have both accomplished many achievements this spring, but to have a truly successful year the squads are aiming to earn Capital Athletic Conference championships.

The championships, which will be held in York, Pennsylvania, this weekend, will feature Salisbury's men's team attempting to earn their fifth straight conference title, while the women try to pry the top spot in the conference from the University of Mary Washington.

To prepare for the upcoming CAC championship, the Sea Gulls competed in the Westchester University Invitational. While there were no team scores recorded at this event, many individuals performed well for Salisbury.

Sophomore Delannie Spriggs continued to improve on his impressive season, as he posted his fastest time this season in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Spriggs finished second overall in the 100 with a time of 10.81 seconds and first in the 200, crossing the finish line in 22.34. Earlier in the year Spriggs became the first Sea Gull ever to be named an All-American in Indoor Track and Field, placing fourth in the finals of 55-meter dash at the 2008 NCAA Division III Track and Field championship.

The Gulls also earned third- and fourth-place finishes in the 200-meter event as seniors Samuel Singleton and Kevin Teal finished with times of 22.40 and 22.44 respectively. Singleton, who is the reigning CAC Men's Track and Field athlete of the week, earned a second place in the 400-meter dash finishing in 48.98 seconds. Singleton earned athlete of the week status after competing at the Duke Invitational, where he set a new school record in the 400-meter dash and was past of the 4x100-meter relay team that also set a new school record mark. Singleton ran a

time of 48.74 seconds in the 400, passing Jason Anderson who set the previous school record back in 1994 with a time of 49.14. The relay team comprised of Singleton, Teal, Spriggs and Justin Acker posted the second fastest time in Division III this season, completing the 4x100 in just 41.19 seconds. Junior Bobby Price won the high jump event with a leap of 6 feet, 2 3/4 inches. Sophomore Christian Adams took second in javelin hurling with a throw of 175 feet and nine inches.

Junior Jenn Bulger led the women's side at the meet, taking second place in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:09.17 and was third in the high jump, clearing four feet, 11 inches. Freshman Charlese Phillips earned a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash, crossing the line in 13.01 seconds.

Both teams hope to close out the season strong as they vie for the right to earn a Capital Athletic Conference championship.

Men's LAX ends strong before CAC



Andrew Baker photo

SU lacrosse rolls past St. Mary's College and secures No. 1 seed heading into the Capital Athletic Conference Championships.

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

With May quickly approaching, the regular season of men's lacrosse came to an end with the Sea Gulls chalking up another win. On Friday, the Salisbury University men's

lacrosse team battled Capital Athletic Conference rival St. Mary's College in a 7 p.m. game under the lights. The Sea Gulls ended the regular season strong, ending the game in a 23-4 victory over the Seahawks and launching them into the top seed of the CAC tournament.

Within the first five minutes of the game, senior Matt Hickman showed nothing out of the ordinary, starting the first quarter with three unassisted goals off his first three shots. Hickman finished with a game-high seven goals. Senior Bruce Richardson also helped the Sea Gulls achieve a quick lead with his first goal coming 1:30 into the game. At the end of the first quarter, the Sea Gulls held an 8-2 lead over the Seahawks.

In the second quarter, the Salisbury defense held strong, not allowing any St. Mary's goals. Senior Ryan Phillips scored his first collegiate goal in transition off a St. Mary's turnover, adding to other second quarter goals scored by seniors Hickman, Greg Titus, and freshman Erik Krum.

At half time, the Sea Gulls were on top with a score of 13-2. SU ended the half on a 10-0 run while holding St. Mary's scoreless for over 29 minutes.

The team came out of the locker room strong, with junior Stephen Krasco scoring the first goal of the second half off a pass from junior Kaylor Berkman. Krasco's goal came in the first 20 seconds of the half.

With six minutes remaining in the third quarter, junior Nick Fiorentino was put in goal against the Seahawks. Fiorentino allowed only one St. Mary's goal. The third quar-

ter came to an end with the Sea Gulls leading the visiting Seahawks 17-3.

The Sea Gulls continued to score in the fourth quarter. Sophomores Will Poletis, Brian Schuster and Mike Von Kamecke, and juniors Matt Berry and Ryan Curran all scored for the Gulls.

With 9:17 left in the game, junior Mike Petti took his place in goal, allowing only one St. Mary's goal. With 49 seconds left in the game, sophomore Scott Rumford scored his first collegiate goal off an assist from Schuster.

The Sea Gull defense made a statement, causing the Seahawks to commit 33 turnovers. Goalies Fiorentino, Petti and junior Zach Krissoff combined to make eight saves. The Sea Gulls goalies teamed up and allowed only two St. Mary's goals in the final 21 minutes of play. SU outshot SMC 52-27 and out-scooped the Seahawks 40-25 in ground balls.

With the 23-4 victory over St. Mary's College, the Salisbury men's lacrosse team continued their home winning streak of 67 games. SU is now 76-0 during regular-season play since 2003 and 96-0 in CAC play since 1995.

The Salisbury men's lacrosse team will begin the 2008 CAC tournament at Sea Gull Stadium on Monday, April 14, against eighth-seed Hood College.

Softball moves atop CAC standings



Andrew Baker photo

SU softball continues to dominate at the plate. Salisbury defeated York College twice on Friday.

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The SU softball team bounced back from their streak ending loss to Mary Washington to sweep York (PA) College in pivotal Capital Athletic Conference games that could have given the Sea Gulls the home field advantage in next week's tournament.

SU (23-7, 9-1 CAC) gave York (21-7, 10-2 CAC) their first conference losses of the season last Friday. The Gulls routed the Spartans 5-1 and 11-0.

The opening game was won defensively, as SU junior Stacy Davis (14-3) kept York scoreless with the help of some great ground work until the seventh inning where York's Kelly Smith (2-2) came in on a Michelle Barwick single past first, but SU shortstop Kristin Lord (2-2) and first basemen Ali Ritter (1-4) ended the inning with a double play to win 5-1.

Davis allowed eight hits on five walks and struck out eight. The SU defense pulled through as they left 13 Spartans on base and gave up only a single error.

SU sophomore Jen Cahall (2-2) hit a double to left center field to bring in Lord. Lord started off the second inning with a walk. They continued to cash in on Spartan mistakes as Sophomore Kelly Waskewicz (1-3) scored off sophomore catcher Lauren Brenneman's double to right field, after being hit by the pitch in the third.

Brenneman (2-2) knocked out a huge two-run homer in the fifth followed by a Lord RBI double to give SU the 5-0 lead. Brenneman had two big games last Friday as she had two homers and sent in six runs combined.

SU started off the second game strong, scoring seven runs off four hits. Junior Meagan O'Gara set the bar in the second inning with a three-run double to center field and was followed by a Waskewicz RBI double and a Ritter walk. Both came in on Brenneman's deep three-run homer.

It was a complete Senior Day for SU pitcher Kortni Pedlow (7-2), who allowed only one hit and struck out one in the shutout. York pitcher Megan Mickles (10-3) gave up eight hits and 11 runs.

Sophomores Kelly Waskewicz (3-for-6, two RBIs) and Jen Cahall (3-for-5, three RBIs) each had three hits in both games and scored four combined runs.

The Friday sweep puts SU on top of the CAC standings and ends a nine-game winning streak by York. The Spartans needed to at least split the games to stay ahead of the maroon and gold and gain home field advantage. York is now seed second in the tournament starting this Tuesday.

The softball team will finish their regular season with another double header at Hood College in Frederick on Sunday, April 13.

★ Sea Gulls ★ ★ SPORTS BEAT ★

Women's Lacrosse

Salisbury won for the first time ever at TCNJ on Saturday. The No. 1 Sea Gulls defeated the No. 2 Lions 11-10 on a Sue Ackermann goal in overtime. Ackermann scored a game-high seven goals.

This was the second No. 1 vs. No. 2 match-up for SU in three weeks. A fast-paced first half saw the nation's top two teams go into the half tied at 6-6.

TCNJ came out fast, scoring the first two goals and giving them their largest lead of the day, 8-6. Ackermann scored the game's next two goals to tie the game. TCNJ's Toni-Anne Cavallo put the Lions ahead with 14 minutes left. SU's Ashleigh Gender scored back-to-back goals 41 seconds later to put the Gulls up 10-9 with under 10 to play. TCNJ's Leigh Mitchell tied the game at 2:05, eventually sending it into OT. Ackermann ended the game in OT on her second free position goal of the game.

SU closes out their regular season schedule when they visit rival UMW on Thursday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m.

Softball

The SU softball team split games with UMW on Thursday. The Gulls took game one 3-2 and dropped the second 3-5. The loss snapped SU's 10-game winning streak.

In the first game SU scored early, putting up one run in the first inning and two in the third. Ali Ritter went 2-for-3 with two runs and a double. Starting pitcher Stacy Davis (13-3) pitched five scoreless innings before giving up runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Kelsey Mills recorded the save.

In game two, UMW put up a run in the first inning to give the Eagles an early lead. UMW went on to score three more runs in the fourth. SU scored runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh innings. Kelly Waskewicz hit her CAC-leading 12th home run in the sixth. SU closes out their regular season on Sunday, April 13, against Hood College.

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SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-4/15	Wednesday-4/16	Thursday-4/17	Friday-4/18	Saturday-4/19	Sunday-4/20	Monday-4/21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Baseball CAC Tournament 1st Round * Men's Tennis CAC Tournament * Softball CAC Tournament 1st Round * Women's Tennis CAC Tournament 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Men's Tennis CAC Tournament * Women's Tennis CAC Tournament 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Baseball CAC Tournament 2nd Round * Men's Tennis CAC Tournament * Softball CAC Tournament 2nd Round * Women's Tennis CAC Tournament * 4:30 p.m. Women's LAX @ Mary Washington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Men's LAX CAC Tournament Semi-Finals * Men's Tennis CAC Tournament * Women's Tennis CAC Tournament 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Baseball CAC Tournament Championship * Men's Tennis CAC Tournament * Softball CAC Tournament Finals * Women's Tennis CAC Tournament * 10 a.m. Track & Field CAC Championships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Baseball CAC Tournament Championship * Men's LAX CAC Tournament Championship * Men's Tennis CAC Tournament * Women's LAX CAC Tournament 1st Round * Women's Tennis CAC Tournament 	